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Raised Bill No. 6411

LCO No. 2837



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-28e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid
4 state plan to include, on and after January 1, 2009, hospice services as
5 optional services covered under the Medicaid program. Said state plan
6 amendment shall supersede any regulations of Connecticut state
7 agencies concerning such optional services. From January 1, 2013, to
8 June 30, 2013, inclusive, hospice services covered under the Medicaid
9 program for individuals who are residents in long-term care facilities
10 shall be paid at a rate that is ninety-five per cent of the facility's per
11 diem rate.

12 (b) Effective July 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Social Services shall
13 amend the Medicaid state plan to include foreign language interpreter
14 services provided to any beneficiary with limited English proficiency

15 as a covered service under the Medicaid program. Not later than July
16 1, 2013, the commissioner shall develop and implement the use of
17 medical billing codes for foreign language interpreter services.

18 (c) Effective July 1, 2013, the Department of Social Services shall
19 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, semi-
20 annually, to the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight on
21 the foreign language interpreter services provided to recipients of
22 benefits under the program.

23 (d) Not later than October 1, 2011, the Commissioner of Social
24 Services shall amend the Medicaid state plan to include podiatry as an
25 optional service under the Medicaid program.

26 [(e) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid
27 state plan to provide that chiropractic services shall be covered under
28 the Medicaid program only to the extent required by federal law.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	17b-28e

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that eligible Medicaid recipients under the age of twenty-one are not denied chiropractic services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]